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COUNTY RECOGNIZED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY *Energy Efficiency Also Saves Money, Environment*

California's "Flex Your Power" program is recognizing the County of San Diego for its leadership and accomplishments in energy efficiency, which has saved local taxpayers more than \$1.5 million and saved 13.6 million kilowatt hours since 2002.

The savings were accomplished by educating employees; encouraging building supervisors to reduce energy consumption; performing energy assessments on all major county facilities; retrofitting HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning) system air-handlers and all large central-cooling plants with variable frequency drives; converting plant-control operations to more efficient, network-based control technologies; installing controls in vending machines; de-lamping overlit areas; and making several other upgrades to lighting and HVAC systems in County facilities.

"Saving energy and money is a win-win for the County of San Diego, and it helps protect our environment," said Alex Martinez, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Community Services Group. "We're honored to be acknowledged for our achievements in energy efficiency."

Flex Your Power will run an ad in several papers across the state this Sunday publicly thanking the County of San Diego and other organizations for their commitment and investments in energy efficiency.

Flex Your Power is California's statewide energy efficiency marketing and outreach campaign.

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